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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Objections

Claim 32 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 32 being an apparatus claim is using a word "providing" in page 12, line 3, page 13, lines 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 19, page 14, lines 1, 10, page 15, lines 4, 9, 14, 19, page 16, lines 3, 7, 12, 16, page 17, lines 1, 4, page 18, lines 16, 20, page 19, line 14, page 20, lines 1, 3, 9, 16, page 21, lines 3, 9, 13, 16, 19 and page 22, lines 1, 4, 6, 12. The word "providing" for an apparatus claim is improper. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.


Claims 1 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The word "optional/optionally" in page 4, line 18, page 5, lines 3, 8, 17, page 9, line 17, page 10, lines 7, 10, 17, 20, page 11, lines 10 and 15 for claim 1; page 13, line 3, page 15, lines 4, 9, 11, 14, page 16, lines 3, 7, 13, 16, 21, page 18, line 20, page 20, lines 3, 13, 16, page 21, lines 2, 3, 6, 9 and 16 for claim 32 fails to definite claimed element and thus make the claims indefinite. In addition claim 32 being a apparatus claim is using word "providing" in page 12, line 3, page 13, lines 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 19, page 14, lines 1, 10, page 15, lines 4, 9, 14, 19, page 16, lines 3, 7, 12, 16, page 17, lines 1, 4, page 18, lines 16, 20, page 19, line 14, page 20, lines 1, 3, 9, 16, page 21, lines 3, 9, 13, 16, 19 and page 22, lines 1, 4, 6, 12. The word "providing" for an apparatus claim is improper.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Ali whose telephone number is (571) 272-4806. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Melba Bumgarner can be reached on (571) 272-4709. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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